

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, please delete the second full paragraph in its entirety:

~~Next, an effect of the pneumatic tire described in claim 1 will be described.~~

Page 10, please delete the second full paragraph in its entirety:

~~Next, an effect of the invention described in claim 2 will be described.~~

Page 10, please delete the fourth full paragraph in its entirety:

~~Next, an effect of the invention described in claim 3 will be described.~~

Page 11, please delete the first paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 4 will be described.~~

Page 11, please delete the fifth paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 5 will be described.~~

Page 11, please delete the seventh paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 6 will be described.~~

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 7 will be described.~~

Page 12, please delete the third full paragraph and in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 8 will be described.~~

Page 13, please delete the fourth full paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 9 will be described.~~

Page 13, please delete the fifth full paragraph and replace it as follows:

In the pneumatic tire ~~described in claim 9~~, the peripheral protuberant portion is formed in at least both end edge portions of the block in the cross section along the heightwise direction of the block. Therefore, ununiformity of the ground contact pressure in at least the vicinities of both end edges of the block can be suppressed and the ground contact pressure can be made uniform along the cross sectional direction of the block.

Page 14, please delete the first paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 10 will be described.~~

Page 14, please delete the second paragraph and replace it as follows:

In the pneumatic tire ~~described in claim 10~~, the peripheral protuberant portion is disposed at both sides of the block in the circumferential direction of the tire, and therefore, ununiformity of the ground contact pressure of the block in the circumferential direction of the tire can be suppressed. As a result, an extremely local deformation of the block caused by braking/driving force is prevented and the handling stability improves. Further, uneven wear in the vicinity of the block end in the circumferential direction of the tire, which is caused by ununiformity of the ground contact pressure of the block in the circumferential direction of the tire, can be prevented.

Page 14, please delete the fourth paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 11 will be described.~~

Page 15, please delete the second full paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 12 will be described.~~

Page 16, please delete the third full paragraph and in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 13 will be described.~~

Page 16, please delete the seventh full paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 14 will be described.~~

Page 17, please delete the third paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 15 will be described.~~

Page 18, please delete the first full paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 16 will be described.~~

Page 18, please delete the fourth full paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 17 will be described.~~

Page 19, please delete the second full paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 18 will be described.~~

Page 19, please delete the seventh full paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 19 will be described.~~

Page 20, please delete the first full paragraph in its entirety:

~~An effect of the invention described in claim 20 will be described.~~